

DECLARATION OF MAUREEN RIDLEY

I, Maureen Ridley, declare as follows:

- 1. I am the defendant in Court Case No. CR 93-583, and make this declaration in support of the Petition for Writ of Error Coram Nobis. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and if called upon as a witness, I could and would competently testify as to such facts.
- 2. On May 15, 2000, on advice of my then counsel, Terrence Roden (now deceased), I entered a plea of guilty to three counts of perjury in violation of 18 U.S.C 1623. The court sentenced me to two months imprisonment, three years supervised release and imposed a fine of \$150.00.
- 3. Prior to the plea, I asked my attorney what immigration consequences my plea may have, his response was simply that I had nothing to worry about. He assured me that I did not face any adverse immigration consequences and that I would not be excluded from the United States.
- 4. On February 28, 2012, I was stopped by Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") at the Los Angeles International Airport when I returned from one of my trips. CBP confiscated my passport and lawful permanent resident card, Form I-551. On November 15, 2012, I was charged pursuant to 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(I) as an alien who is convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.
- 5. It is now my understanding from speaking with my immigration attorney that my plea was to a crime involving moral turpitude, which classifies me inadmissible to the United States and renders me ineligible for immigration relief. Had I known of the immigration consequences of my plea, I would not have pled guilty. Instead I would have asked my attorney to re-negotiate the plea or I would have elected to go to trial. I would not

agree to a plea that would forever remove me from the United States and strip me away from my family and loved ones. I would have fought the charges. I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 15th day of May 2013 at Glendale, California.